

Why do we do Service Projects?

We are Connecting our Church and with our COMMUNITY

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to follow Christ to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick. Jesus also taught that we are to love and care for each other.

Volunteer on a regular basis, if possible. Serving consistently, rather than only during holidays when many others serve, is beneficial. It also allows you to develop personal relationships with those you serve. If serving regularly is not possible, be willing to contribute whatever you can. Even a little bit will help. Your service alone will say much about you and your faith.

Teens in 9th and 10th grade are required to log at least 10 service hours each year. Up to 5 hours may be served outside of St. Benedict (at other locations doing Corporal Works of Mercy); teens may receive a MAX of 5 hours for one event or type of event (for example a week of Vacation Bible School service is worth 5 service hours) - this is done to encourage teens to experience a variety of ways to serve the Lord. If you can't do local services then you may complete all 10 service hours here at St. Benedict.

Note: Each service needs to be recorded by activity, date and a Reflection 2-3 sentences (ex: What was your experience of this service? How did your service affect you and others?). When you have completed your service hours for each year, please return to the Youth Ministers office by date required with your parent's signature.

Jeremiah 29:7 says, "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Just as bridges and cities go together, churches and communities are linked. God's people are to be connected to the city, the community, and the world.

Service Experiences and opportunities

Corporal Works of Mercy are as follows: Feed the Hungry – Give Drink to the Thirsty – Clothe the Naked Shelter the Homeless – Visit the Sick – Visit the Imprisoned – Bury the Dead.

Think about people's needs, problems and fears. Ask how you can help. What gifts do you have that you can share with another human being?



Ivey Hall

Our Lady of Perpetual Help



"I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you so that you will do just what I have done for you."

(John 13, 14-15)